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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 19, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that United States District Court Judge Larry Alan Burns sentenced EVERADO ROBLES today to serve 60 months in custody for importing 36.65 kilograms of cocaine into the United States and assaulting a federal officer. ROBLES had entered a guilty plea to two counts of a three-count indictment on June 9, 2005 pursuant to a plea agreement.

The indictment, returned by a federal grand jury on April 20, 2005, charged that on April 5, 2005, ROBLES imported 36.65 kilograms of cocaine into the United States, possessed the cocaine with intent to distribute it, and pushed a Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Officer into a cement trash receptacle, resulting in bodily injury.

According to court documents, at approximately 7:05 p.m. on April 5, 2005, ROBLES entered the United States at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. He was the driver, registered owner, and only occupant of a 2005 Ford Focus. A Customs and Border Protection Officer noticed a space discrepancy in the trunk.

Officers removed the spare tire from the trunk and found numerous packages of cocaine in a specially built compartment under the trunk. A Customs and Border Protection officer was injured when ROBLES tried to run back into Mexico.

United States Attorney Lam said, “This cocaine smuggler made his situation even worse by assaulting a law enforcement agent who was doing his job. He has earned every day of his 60-month sentence.”

DEFENDANT

EVERADO ROBLES

SUMMARY OF CHARGES OF CONVICTION

21 U.S.C. § § 952 and 960 (importation of a controlled substance – cocaine – into the United States)
Maximum penalty: life imprisonment, \$4,000,000 fine, 5 years’ supervised release

18 U.S.C. 111 (a) and (b) (assault on a federal officer with bodily injury)
Maximum penalty: 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years’ supervised release

AGENCIES

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Operation Alliance
United States Customs and Border Protection